



# Colonel Gustavo Núñez Kocher

## Assistant Commandant

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Colonel Gustavo Nuñez Kocher was born in the city of Santiago de Chile in 1964. He graduated from the Military Academy in December of 1984 as an Army Second Lieutenant, Armored Cavalry Branch.

Served in the following units and posts: As an Ensign and Second Lieutenant in the *Húsares* Armored Cavalry Regiment No. 3 in Angol, holding the position of Section Commander from 1985 to 1987. Served as a Second Lieutenant in the *Lanceros* Armored Cavalry Regiment No. 5 in Puerto Natales, Section Commander, in 1988. As a Lieutenant he completed the Army Pilot Course at the Army Aviation Command in Rancagua in 1989, graduating at the end of that year as a Military Helicopter Pilot. Served as a Lieutenant in the "Concepción" Army Aviation Platoon No. 3 at the same garrison, in the capacity of Helicopter Pilot from 1990 to 1993. In 1994, he completed the Company Commander's Course at the Armored Cavalry Academy in Quillota. He graduated from the Instructor Training Course at the Military Academy in 1995. As a Captain, he was named Commander of the *Antofagasta* Army Aviation Platoon No. 1 at the same garrison, a post that he held from 1995 to 1997. Completed the Transition and Emergency Course for the MD 530 FF Helicopter at the Boeing Company (1997) and the Tactical -Flight Training Course presented by the British Army and the United Kingdom Royal Air Force in 1998. As a captain, he continued serving in the Army Aviation Brigade in Rancagua, serving as "Chief of Instruction" at the Army Aviation School from 1998 to 2000. He graduated from the Air Artillery Observer Course at the Linares Artillery School in 1998.

Served as a Helicopter Pilot from the Army Aviation Unit deployed by the Institution to the East Timor Peacekeeping Mission (UNTAET) in 2000. He was promoted to the rank of Major and enrolled in the Army War College, attending the Regular Staff Course in 2001 and 2003. After graduation from the Army War College as a Major, he was assigned in 2004 to the Army Aviation Brigade as Staff Advisor, holding the position of Chief of the 3rd Department, Headquarters Operations of said unit. In 2005, he was assigned as a United Nations Military Observer during the Peace Mission in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP). As a Lieutenant Colonel, he was assigned to the General Staff of the Army, serving as Section Chief for the 1st "Planning" Department, Directorate of Operations from 2006 to 2007. During the same period, he served as a member of the Combined Joint Staff of the Chilean-Argentinean *Cruz del Sur* ("Southern Cross") Force. Served as Assistant to the Commander in Chief of the Chilean Army from 2008-2009 and as Commander, Student Battalion in the Military Academy in 2010. In 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and was assigned to the Department of National Defense, as Chief, European, African and Middle Eastern Department, International Relations Division of the recently established Undersecretary of Defense. He has held the position of Assistant Instructor at the Army War College, teaching courses in Geopolitics and International Relations for the Branch Officer Information Course. He has held the position of Guest Instructor, imparting instruction in the areas of Political Science, Security, and Defense at the National Academy for Political and Strategic Studies (ANEPE) from 2012 to 2013. Served as Commander, *Limache* Army Logistics Regiment No. 3 in the Santiago Garrison from 2012-2013. On 8 January 2014, Colonel Nuñez assumed the position of Assistant Commandant, Western Hemisphere Institute of Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Georgia.

He completed the Instructor Training Course to certify him as a Military Instructor. He received the title of Military Academic Instructor in the area of Military History. Served as a Military Academy Instructor in the fields of Military Geography and Geopolitics and earned a Master's Degree in Military Science with a major in Planning and Strategic Management. He has earned a Master's Degree in Military History and Strategic Thought from the Chilean Army War College. He holds a diploma in Education and Leadership from the *Universidad del Desarrollo* and a diploma in Assessment and Project Management from the Chilean Army Military Polytechnic Academy. He has served as Lead Military Academic Instructor for the Army Aviation Brigade, the Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, and the Military Academy, where he has taught courses in Military History, Intelligence, the Institutional Modernization Process, and Conceptual Foundations of the Military Profession.

He has participated in the Political-Strategic dialogues sponsored by the Chilean Department of National Defense with his counterparts from France, the United Kingdom, Portugal, and Spain, communicating and exchanging ideas on the geopolitical situation in Northern Chile, the modernization of the Defense Sector, and other relevant issues.

Colonel Nuñez awards and decorations include the following: Chile Mission Accomplished Medal; Military Star for ten years of service Medal; Military Meritorious-Service Star Medal for 20 years of service; Distinguished Military Meritorious-Service Star Medal for 30 years of service; *Minerva Medal*; *Diosa Minerva Medal*; Army Staff Honorable Meritorious-Service Star Medal; Medal from the Office of the Commander in Chief of the Army; Bicentennial Army Medal; United Nations Award for Peacekeeping Service in East Timor; United Nations Award for Peacekeeping Service in India and Pakistan.